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MEETING OF THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Pacific Coast Branch of the American Historical Association (the second in Southern California) was held in San Diego, Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2, 1916. That a point so far south as San Diego should have been selected for this meeting is explained largely by the attractions of the Panama-California Exposition; and that the meeting should have proved so successful is to be credited in generous measure to the local committee on arrangements, headed by Professor W. F. Bliss of the State Normal School at San Diego.

The attendance at the several sessions was large and unusually representative. Among those coming long distances and participating in the program were Professor Levi E. Young, University of Utah; Professor Joseph Schafer, University of Oregon; and Professor Jeanne E. Wier, University of Nevada. The Historical Society of Southern California was well represented by a strong delegation of members.

At the opening session, held in the Auditorium of the U. S. Grant Hotel, three papers were presented, as follows: (1) "The United States in the Caribbean," by Professor Waldemar C. Westergaard of Pomona College; (2) "What is Nationality?" by Professor Tully C. Knoles of the University of Southern California; (3) "Town and Municipal Government in the Early Days of Utah," by Professor Levi E. Young of the University of Utah. Each paper called forth lively and interesting discussion.

The Saturday sessions were held on the Exposition Grounds. In the forenoon our honored Secretary and Curator, Mr. James M. Guinn, read his paper, "Thirty-three Years of Historical Activity," and Mr. Owen C. Coy, Secretary and Archivist of the Commission, presented a comprehensive report on "The Work of the California Historical Survey Commission." Following the business session interesting tours were conducted by Mrs. Margaret V. Allen, Curator of the San Diego Pioneer Society, and Doctor Edgar L. Hewett, Director of the School of American Archaeology.

At the teachers' session the following topics were presented and

discussed: (1) "Motivation of History in the Elementary Schools," by Superintendent W. L. Stephens of Long Beach; (2) "The Development of Initiative in the High School Student of History," by Miss Sara L. Dole of Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles; (3) "Research Work for the Junior College Student," by Dr. Frederic W. Sanders of Hollywood Junior College; (4) "History Teaching in the Secondary School from the Standpoint of the College and University," by Professor Ephriam D. Adams of Stanford University (presented by Dr. E. B. Krehbiel).

The central social event of the San Diego Meeting was the Annual Dinner, at the U. S. Grant Hotel, at which our distinguished leader and genial friend, Professor Henry Morse Stephens of the University of California presided as toastmaster. The President's address was presented by Professor Joseph Schafer of Oregon, and called forth much favorable comment. Impromptu speeches were called for and appropriate responses given by members singled out by the toastmaster. The dinner was very well attended, undoubtedly breaking the record for women members present.

Professor Edward B. Krehbiel, of Stanford University, was elected President of the Branch for the ensuing year. Our local representative on the Council is Professor Tully C. Knoles of the University of Southern California.